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Letter dated 3 March 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached report from Liberia (see annex) submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the text of the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**
Chairman
Counter-Terrorism Committee

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Annex

Letter dated 26 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

I present my compliments and hereby transmit a letter dated 24 February 2003 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Liberia, Monie R. Captan, addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) (see enclosure), indicating measures and actions undertaken by the Government of Liberia in keeping with resolution 1373 (2001).

(*Signed*) Lami **Kawah**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Letter dated 24 February 2003 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Government of Liberia presents its compliments and, pursuant to the mandates of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), has the honour to report that, in compliance with the mandatory measures of resolution 1373 (2001), the following measures have been taken:

1. On 11 September 2001, the Government of Liberia publicly denounced terrorism in all of its forms through messages to the United States Government expressing support for the global fight against terrorism.

2. On 8 October 2001, the President of Liberia issued a public statement announcing that the Republic of Liberia had joined the civilized world in the fight to rid the global community of those who harbour the will to destroy innocent lives. In the statement, the Government of Liberia offered the global coalition led by the United States the use of Liberian airspace and airport facilities. The Government of Liberia in the statement endorsed the right of the United States of America to act in self-defence, especially in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 11 September.

3. On 16 October 2001, the Liberian Government communicated with the agency responsible for its maritime and corporate registry, the Liberia International Shipping and Corporate Registry, submitting the names of individuals and organizations received in connection with terrorist activities. This activity is still ongoing as new names are submitted by the United States Government.

4. On 16 October 2001, and periodically, the Justice Ministry as well as the Central Bank of Liberia are being furnished with additional names to the terrorism list and a search indicates that none of the names have appeared in records of these agencies; the search still continues.

5. The Liberia International Shipping and Corporate Registry has reported that electronic searches are still under way to detect any of those links, but none of the names submitted have been found in the Liberian registry. Nonetheless the search still continues.

6. The security agencies of the Liberian Government (National Security Agency, National Bureau of Investigation) have developed an intelligence-sharing system with the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Government; this exercise is still in progress. This process entails the monitoring of airports and land border points.

7. A circular transmitting all of the names and organizations listed on various lists received from the United States Government through its embassy in Monrovia has been circulated to all of the border points in the country with instructions to deny entry into Liberian territory as well as report any such cases to government authorities for onward transmission to the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council.

8. On 6 January 2003, the Government of Liberia ratified the following international conventions against terrorism:

(a) Convention No. 10106: Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft;

(b) International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism;

(c) Convention No. 141118: Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation;

(d) Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection;

(e) 1998 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports;

(f) Convention No. 21931: International Convention against the Taking of Hostages;

(g) International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings.

The Government of Liberia would also like to state that, due to limitations with regard to its technical capacity to expertly detect terrorist networks, any assistance in training technicians in the area of terrorist detection would be highly appreciated.

(*Signed*) Monie R. **Captan**
Minister for Foreign Affairs